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Further information on UA 198/94 (ASA 21/12/94, 23 May 1994) - Fear of torture / arbitrary detention

INDONESIA / EAST TIMOR: Jose Antonio Neves (held in Malang, East Java)
Antonio Soares (new name, now released)

Anibal (held in East Timor)
Lucas Tilman dos Santos
Marcos
Miguel
Nuno de Andrade Sarmento Corvelho
Octaviano
Pantaleão
Pedro Fatima Tilman
Rosalino
Rui Fernandes

and new name: Isaac

Amnesty International continues to be concerned for the safety of East Timorese pro-independence activists arrested and detained by Indonesian military forces in April and May 1994.

Jose Antonio Neves, arrested on 19 May in Malang, is now reported to be be detained in the city's police station, POLRES Malang. Another student, Antonio Soares, was reportedly detained later the same day and held briefly for questioning before being released without charge. Towards the end of May he was summoned to the police station in Malang where he was ordered to identify Jose Antonio Neves. He reported that he was unable to speak to the latter but that he did not appear to have been tortured.

In East Timor, it has now been reported that one other person, named Isaac, from Santa Cruz, Dili, was also arrested in May. Amnesty International understands that four of those arrested in East Timor may soon be brought to trial.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:
- expressing continued concern for the safety of Jose Antonio Neves and the others named above (please list all the names);
- urging the government to act immediately to protect them from torture or ill-treatment;
- calling upon the government to permit all political detainees to have immediate access to legal counsel of their own choosing;
- urging the government to release immediately all those held for their non-violent political activities.

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